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Jersey City to Host Black History Month Group Exhibit Celebrating Diversity and Heritage through Art

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Jersey City Municipal Council, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Division of Cultural Affairs are hosting the **Black History Month Group Exhibition** opening art reception from **6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2009**, at **City Hall, 280 Grove Street**.

The exhibition will showcase an eclectic mix of established and emerging Jersey City African-American artists as well as work from select students of the Hudson County School of Technology.

“The Black History Month Group Exhibition began as a way to allow artists to showcase cultural heritage and celebrate Black History Month,” said **Mayor Healy**. “This art exhibition is an annual observance of the past and present achievements of African-American artists.”

Among the other art professionals participating in this year's program are Darin Defield, Michael Dubose, Joseph Gilmore, Anthony Charlemagne, John Babchak, Robert Calcano, Nijia Casillas, Andrew Castillo, Fabian McCall, Emmanuell Molina, Ruby Montanez, Darrell Reid, Jason Robles, Aramis Ross, Bilial Steed, Jorge Velazquez, Jarvis Weaver, and Anthony Weber.

The show, which is organized by City Hall Art Curator Greg Brickey, will run through the end of February. **Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** The reception is free and open to the public and is handicap accessible. Refreshments will be served.

“The Black History Group Exhibit is a powerful example of the work of local artists that residents and visitors to Jersey City should not miss,” added **Mayor Healy**.

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Observed every February since 1976, Black History Month highlights both the past and present struggles encountered along the way to equality and the outstanding contributions of African-Americans to every aspect of American society.

For more information, **contact the Division of Cultural Affairs at 201-547-6921.**

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